Broad Gauge Conversion in Gujarat

2403. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of metre-gauge and narrow-gauge rail lines in Gujarat, section-wise;

(b) the time bound programme framed for broad-gauge conversion of these lines, section-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to expedite the work at broad gauge conversion in the State of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Section-wise details of the metre/narrow gauge (MG/NG) lines falling fully/partly in the State of Gujarat are as under:

Sl. No.	Section in Kms.	Length
1	**2**	**3**
Metre-Gauge		
1.	Ahmedabad-Himatnagar-Khedbrahma	142.08
2.	Dhasa-Jetalsar-Wansjaliya	195.05
3.	Mahesana-Taranga Hill	56.35
4.	Mahesana-Sabarmati	51.37
5.	Chanasma-Ranuj	12.84
6.	Kalol-Adraj Moti-Ambliyasan	88.92
7.	Sabarmati-Botad	165.03
8.	Veraval-Visavadar-Khijadiya	163.78
9.	Talala-Prachi Road-Delvada	70.1
10.	Prachi Road-Kodinar	25.70
11.	Junagadh-Visavadar	42.21

1	2	3
12.	Surendranagar-Dharangadhra	34.48
13.	Kandla Port Gandhidham Samakhiyali	64.68
14.	Bhuj-Naliya	101.34
15.	Bhildi-Raniwara (Samdari)	1.27
16.	Ahmedabad-Khodiya	17.41
17.	Mahesana-Patan	40.30
18.	Kalol-Katosan Road	37.23
19.	Katosan Road-Chanasma	51.72
Narrow Gauge Line		
1.	Rajpipla-Jagadiya-Ankaleshwar	62.60
2.	Bilimora-Waghai	62.72
3.	Bharuch-Samni-Jarhbusar-Kavi	76.17
4.	Samni-Dahej	39.10
5.	Miyagam Karjan Choranda-Malsar	37.86
6.	Jambusar-Chhota Udepur	150.52
7.	Choranda-Matikoral	18.46
8.	Nadiyad-Bhadran	59.79
9.	Tankhala-Chhuchhapura	38
10.	Kosamba-Umarpada	61.96
11.	Jagadiya-Netrang	30.5
12.	Dabhoi-Timba Road	100.39
13.	Dabhoi-Chandod	16.49
14.	Miyagam-Karjan-Dabhol	32.14

There is no proposal to convert all the MG/NG lines. Some projects for conversion are already in progress and targets for following works have been fixed:—

(i) Sabarmati-Khodiyar—2006-07

(ii) Samakhiyali-Gandhidham—2006-07

(iii) Bharuch-Samni-Dahej—2008-09

(iv) Mahesana-Patan—2008-09

(c) A number of initiatives have also been taken to augment resources for expediting completion of the ongoing projects including gauge conversion. These include sharing by State Governments, Public/Private Partnership, funding from Ministry of Defence, additional resources for National Projects and non-budgetary initiatives for National Rail Vikas Yojana.

Connectivity of Hazira Port with Mumbai Delhi route

2404. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any MoU was signed between the Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd., Hazira Port Ltd., Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation and Gujarat Maritime Board regarding rail connectivity of Hazira port with Mumbai-Delhi railway route; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on 13.01.2005 among the following parties:-

(i) Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL)

(ii) Hazira Port Private Limited

(iii) Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation

(iv) Essar Steel Limited

(v) Gujarat Maritime Board